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1. SUMMARY. ACDA AND DEPARTMENT HAVE CONVEYED TO FRG AMBASSADOR VON STADEN AND FRG EMBASSY OFFICERS STATUS OF US- BRAZIL NUCLEAR SUPPLY DISCUSSIONS, AND HAVE ASKED FOR SOME CLARIFICATION OF THE INFORMATION IN REFTELA" IT WAS CONFIRMED TO FRG THAT US IS NOT OFFERING SENSITIVE ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES TO BRAZIL, EITHER IN SUPPORT OF US REACTOR SALES OR OTHERWISE. WE HAVE ASKED THE FRG WHAT TECHNOLOGY THE PROPOSED FRG-BRAZIL

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DEAL WOULD ENCOMPASS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MARCH 3 FRG AMBASSADOR VON STADEN MET WITH ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE AND STATE PM. IKLE NOTED IMPORTANCE OF CONSULTATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR EXPORT, AND WELCOMED THE INFORMATION CONVEYED IN BONN TO AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND BY HERMES. HE OFFERED TO REVIEW PRESENT SITUATION IN US-BRAZIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION, ASKED FOR SOME CLARIFICATION OF FRG POLICY, AND ENCOURAGED VON STADEN TO CONSULT WHENEVER QUESTIONS AROSE IN THE NUCLEAR EXPORT FIELD.

3. VON STADEN STRONGLY AGREED TO THE NEED FOR CONSULTATION, AND SAID HE WAS AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME. IKLE THEN COVERED THE POINTS OF PARAS. 4 AND 5 BELOW, AND AGREED WITH VON STADEN THAT THE INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS SHOULD BE COVERED IN DETAIL IN SUBSEQUENT STAFF LEVEL DISCUSSION. FRG EMBASSY OFFICERS (COUNSELLOR SOENKSEN, SCIENCE ATTACHEE PATERMAN) FOLLOWED UP WITH PM AND ACDA.

4. WITH REGARD TO US-BRAZIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION, POINTS MADE WERE:

A. US VENDORS ARE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLY OF REACTORS WITH THE BRAZILIANS.

B. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON A US DRAFT TO UPDATE OUR AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL TO ALLOW INCREASED URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES.

C. BRAZIL HAS NOTED TO US ITS INTEREST IN OBTAINING A COMPLETE FUEL CYCLE. US HAS RESPONDED THAT IT IS WILLING TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF HELPING BRAZIL WITH AN ANALYSIS OF FUEL CYCLE PLANNING.

D. HOWEVER, WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO BRAZIL AND US REACTOR VENDORS THAT US IS NOT CONSIDERING SUPPORT OF US REACTOR SALE WITH PROVISION OF ENRICHMENT AND FUEL REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT TO BRAZIL.

E. WITH REGARD TO THE REVISED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION,
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WE ARE ALSO CONTEMPLATING A PROVISION FOR US AGREEMENT ON THE LOCATION OF FUEL REPROCESSING, PU STORAGE, AND FABRICATION OF PU INTO FUEL RODS. IF PRESSED WE INTEND TO SAY THAT WE CANNOT ASSURE BRAZIL THAT WE WOULD AGREE TO THESE OPERATIONS IN BRAZIL.

F. US THINKING ON SENSITIVE EXPORTS HAS FOCUSSED ON THE NEED FOR SPECIAL CONSTRAINT IN SUPPLY OF TECHNOLOGY

AND EQUIPMENT WHICH DIRECTLY RESULT IN WEAPONS-USEABLE MATERIAL.

G. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TELL BRAZIL THAT WE FAVOR MULTI-NATIONAL, REGIONAL REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT FACILITIES BOTH FROM ECONOMIC AND NON-PROLIFERATION CONSIDERATIONS.

H. US FEELS THAT EXPORT OF REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AMONG SUPPLIERS TO REACH COMMON POLICIES BEFORE ANY PENDING NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS AREA ARE FINALIZED.

5. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE RAISED RE THE FRG-BRAZIL NEGOTIATIONS:

A. DOES THE FRG INTEND TO INCLUDE ANY CONTROLS OR VETO OVER PU DISPOSITION (I.E., STORAGE, REPROCESSING, AND PU FUEL FABRICATION) IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PROPOSED SALE?

B. WILL THE SAFEGUARDS ON TECHNOLOGY THE FRG IS PROPOSING INCLUDE BOTH SAFEGUARDS ON SUBSEQUENT FACILITIES PRODUCED FROM ANY SUPPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND ON SUBSEQUENT FACILITIES PRODUCED FROM TECHNOLOGY DERIVABLE FROM SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT?

C. IS THE FRG CONTEMPLATING THE SALE OF OTHER THAN REACTORS (E.G., ENRICHMENT AND/OR REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY OR EQUIPMENT)?

6. TEXT OF POINTS IN PARAS. 4 AND 5 WERE INFORMALLY PROVIDED TO FRG EMBASSY OFFICERS, AT THEIR REQUEST. PATERMAN AND SOENKSEN WENT OVER THE POINTS CAREFULLY,
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BUT DID NOT OFFER ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS IN PARA.5.

7. IF QUERIED BY FRG ON THIS MATTER IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE, USE THE GUIDANCE IN REFTTEL.B. KISSINGER

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